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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-129

1. SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-129, ATLANTIS (OV-104), WILL LAUNCH FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA, NO EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 16, 2009. THE LAUNCH WINDOW OPENS AT 2:23 PM EST, (19:23 UTC/GMT) AND IS 10 MINUTES LONG. NOMINAL END OF MISSION LANDING AT KSC IS SCHEDULED FOR NO EARLIER THAN NOVEMBER 27, 2009 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:43 AM EST (14:43 UTC/GMT).

2. ZARAGOZA AIR BASE, SPAIN IS THE PRIMARY TRANSOCEANIC ABORT LANDING SITE (TAL). MORON AIR BASE, SPAIN, AND ISTRES AIR BASE, FRANCE, ARE THE TWO ALTERNATE SITES.

3. OES/SAT WILL STAFF THE JOINT STATE-NASA SHUTTLE MONITORING GROUP IN THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS CENTER FOR THE LIFT-OFF PERIOD. THE OPERATIONS CENTER WILL ESTABLISH A CONFERENCE CALL TELEPHONE LINK BETWEEN THE MONITORING GROUP AND SHUTTLE CONTROL OFFICERS AT EMBASSY MADRID AND EMBASSY PARIS, AT APPROX. ONE HALF HOUR PRIOR TO LIFT-OFF. SHUTTLE MONITORING GROUP CONTROL OFFICERS ARE OES/SAT, DORIETHA JACKSON AND FERNANDO ECHAVARRIA, AND SHARI KAMM, NASA.

4. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.  
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